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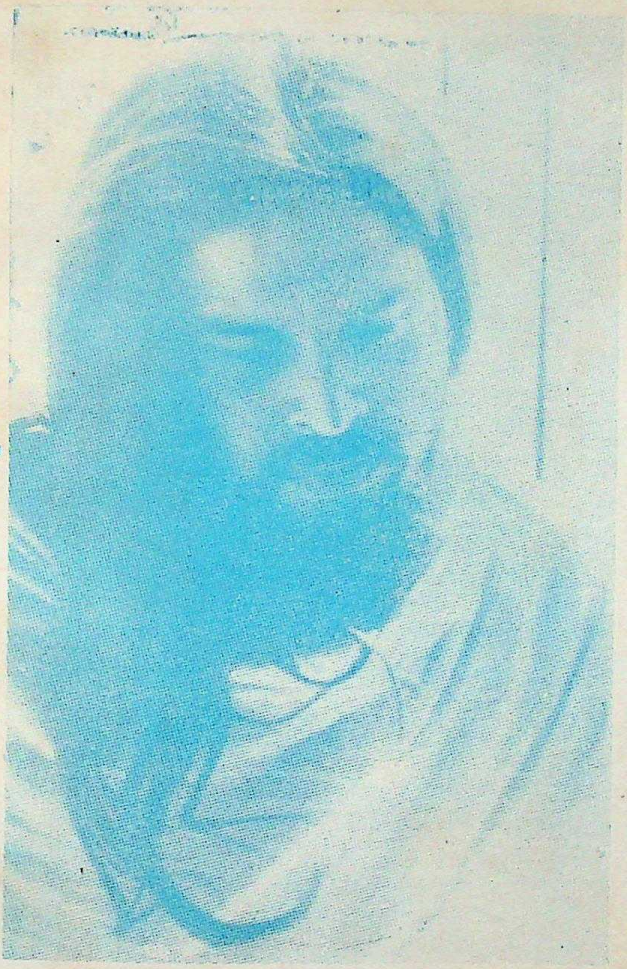

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Mahamandleshwar Swami Puran Giri Ji

"Thy Faith Will See Thee Through"

Many of us say that we have faith in God, yet we expect God to do what we want. Real faith says: "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven".

Real faith does not live merely in words. It lives in actions, the actions of every day life. So that every thing is done with great devotion and contemplation. Walking, talking, eating-these can be deeply religious and faithfull acts, as can every thing that is part of being/existing.

Until the time that we truly live our faith, 24 hours of every day, we prepare. A first step to this is surrender. We give ourselves upto the Lord The process of self-realization can begin only when we surrender totally, to God or Guru, becoming fully faithful to the instructions and guidances received.

Eventually will come the time when we realize that we are the Whole or Absolute This realization, this attunement to the whole, is prerequisite to the recognition that every thing in life is a passing illusion. Only consciousness is real. Only faith in God or (a true) Guru is real. This faith must become our only Absolute.

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True faith is unwavering. There are people who say : "We have faith in God". But where is their faith when the development of circumstances leads them into worry, fear, disappointment ? Either we have faith in God/Guru or not.

Our faith is continually being tested. Eventually we arrive at the point when it is necessary to give up all attachment to the ego and intellect. This means surrendering completely to our higher self. Finding this difficult, we can become confused, despondent. We can feel we have been neglected by God or Guru. But these feelings arise only when we lack faith in God. The God we can know through our mind and intellect is a limited one To understand the real nature of God, we must go beyond mind and the thinking process.

Some people say that they are searching for truth. But this is mostly pretence. If not, one would not be disappointed when faced with the truth. People ask their friends : "Please tell me the truth". Yet, when told the truth, they get hurt. Why ? Because no one really wants to accept reality. It seems easier to continue through life living under the cloak of illusion. Reality destroys the charade.....

...People lack faith and understanding of God. God is All-Powerful, All Knowing, All-Pervading, God is Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent. There is nothing God cannot do. With faith in God, anything can be accomplished.

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spiritually or materially. But people destroy their faith in God, and then they destroy themselves You cannot influence God, you cannot destroy God, you can only destroy yourself

The love of God or the true Guru goes out to all, equally How much you receive is equal to your faith. The woman who touched the hem of Jesus' garment, was healed, because of her absolute faith in Him.

Paramatman and Jivatman

Two birds of identical appearance come to rest in the same tree. The tree is laden with tempting fruit. Promptly one of the birds, Jivatman, starts eating this fruit, and finding it very much to his liking, continues to do so, until he becomes so engrossed in his activity that he forgets all about his companion. The latter, Paramatman, meanwhile just watches the situation, well able to do without the fruit.

Alas, when the season ends, our fruit eating bird's sorrow is great. He weeps and cries for the fruit he has become so used-so attached to, that finally he will fly to another tree-and yet another-to get his precious fruit.

Paramatman, his ever faithful friend, accompanies

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him on his many journeys, always waiting for his deluded friend's memory to reawaken For when Jivatman remembers his companion, and realizes that BEING IDENTICAL to Paramatman, he too can live without the fruit, he will be free-free from attachment, free from sorrow and pain, free from the reliance upon any tree

This story, based upon the Katha Upanished, is designed to serve as an illustration to the cause of separation between the individual soul personality and the Real Self

The tree sympolizes the body; and Jivatman, the soul personality, as 'the enjoyer' becomes increasingly involved with the body and mind-and hence all the actions pertaining thereto. Through this external integration the connection and the key to the Real Self are lost. Thus caught in the net of illusion-forgetting about it's true Self (Paramatman)-it subjects itself to the cycle of birth, death and suffering by transmigrating from one body to the next.

The moment a soul personality becomes aware of it's own self, and is able to concentrate upon this, it is possible to penetrate this Self : When it learns to listen inwardly, it automatically becomes aware of what is helpful for it's development-and when and where to withdraw.

Though many things are responsible for the separation between individual soul personality and the Real Self, such as involvement with family and friends, social environment,

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concepts and ideas, the main cause can always be found within the individual.

And if the individual is the cause of separation it is equally the driving force for re-integration.

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Discrimination

It is very difficult for people to admit wrongs. Usually they try to find excuses to defend themselves. This is something which is negative and destructive in every one. You must be able to balance the negative and the positive. Balancing does not mean that the negative has to be given up. You don't have to give up. In fact, the absence of the negative element can create disaster The negative is like a 'holding on'. It brings stability What is a photograph any way? Nothing–just a psychological holding on. A photograph will help to remember the teaching, feeling, mood or act for those not yet developed enough to go beyond the photograph. Therefore, if you should take the photograph away, they might break down, since they have nothing to lean on. So, before anything is taken away, something must be given first. The balance between negative and positive is so important in life Some one must challange you, otherwise you will not be stimulated. If some one calls you a fool, that presents a stimulation. It means that you are going to

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be wise. "I will prove that I am not a fool". The negative statement serves as an object of stimulation, so that you can bring balance into your life.

Where is the balance for some-one who sits and watches T.V. all day ? Natu ally at the day's end that person complains of pains and aches everywhere. It is only logical One of the principles of the human body is that it needs movement exercise. Cr how about those who go into a super-market and cannot resist temptation ? They buy too much. Then that mistake is compounded by the mistake of eating too much. That again is compounded by doing little or no exercise, sitting too much, watching T. V. too much. So there is no balanced diet, no exercis., no healthy thought, no discrimination. The mistakes are committed, and then come the complaints. But when people are discriminating, they can overcome many things. This is why balancing the negative and the positive is essential

Shri Ram Krishan Parmhansa

It is no use muttering 'I am Shiva', 'Shivoham', that consciousness can arise only when the ego is completely rooted out by devotion. Till then 'I am God' is not true. The truth is 'I am God's slave', 'I am an instrument of His will'.

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If a person really becomes God's servant and if he believes that all that he does is God's will, how can he do evil? The thought of evil will not taint him at all. If the pure thought 'I am God's man, everything is His dispensation, gets firm hold of one's heart no impurity will approach him.

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Learning alone will not be of much use. We may have a command of language We may recite holy verses. We may chant Mantras correctly. That is ail. It is the things we desire that raise or debase us. All the learning that we gain from books will not give us wisdom or salvation so long as we let ourselves be entangled by woman, wealth and worldly objects Learning may help us to give learned discourses Talking about Brahman-the Supreme, Gian-yog, Bhakti-yog, Jivatma and Parmatma, we may fill our listners with wonder, but we shall reap the benefit of our scholarship only if our heart is touched and our mind turned to God.

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Egotism is like a heap of ashes, All the water poured on it will be just absorbed by it. Even if one melts in devotion to God, egotism will not vanish. Without virtue, devotion and meditation it is not possible to conquer Egotism

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Worship God meditate on Him and purify your heart. If you think of God, you will get an access of strength. If you pray to God with devotion, you will acquire the capacity to do good. Through God's grace you will get skill and

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facilities to do your work well. Pray to God constantly. Sing the songs His lovers have sung in His praise.

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When hearing the name of Hari or Rama once, you shed tears and your hair stands on end, then you may know for certain that you do not have to perform such devotions as the Sandhya any more. Then only you will have a right to renounce rituals, or rather rituals will drop away of themselves Then it will be enough if you repeat only the name of Rama or Hari or even simply Om The Sandhya merges in Gayatri and the Gayatri merges in Om

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Repeat God's name and sing His glories, and keep holy company and now and then visit God's devotees and holy men. The mind cannot dwell on God if it is immersed day and night in worldliness, in worldly duties and responsibilities. To fix the mind on God is very difficult in the beginning unless one practices meditation in solitude. When a tree is young it should be fenced all round, otherwise it may be destroyed by cattle.

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Do all your duties, but keep your mind on God. Live with all-with wife, children, father and mother, and serve them. Treat them if they were very dear to you but know in your heart of hearts that they do not belong to you.

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The world is water and the mind milk. If you pour milk into water they become one, you cannot find the pure milk any more. But turn the milk into curd and churn it into butter. Then when the butter is placed in water it will

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float So practise spiritual discipline in solitude and obtain butter of knowledge and love. Even if you keep that butter in the wa·er of the world, the two will not mix The butter will float

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God reveals Himself to a devotee who feels drawn to Him by the combined force of these three attractions: the attraction of worldly possessions for the worldly man, the child's attraction for his mother, and husband's attraction for the chaste wife.

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The mind is like a needle covered with mud; and God is like a magnet. The needle cannot be united with magnet unless it is free from mud. Tears wash away the mud, which is nothing but lust, anger, greed and other evil tendencies and the inclinations to worldly enjoyments as well. As oon as the mud is washed away, the magnet attracts the needle, that is to say, man realises God. Only the pure in heart see God.

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'God alone is the doer' and none else–that is the knowledge. I am not the doer, I am a mere instrument in His hand. The devotee should say "Thou art the Operater and I am the machine Thou art the Indweller and I am the house. Thou art the Driver and I am the carriage. I move as Thou movest me. I do as Thou makest me do. I speak as Thou makest me speak. Not I, not I, but Thou, but Thou".

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It is enough to have yearning for God. It is enough to love Him and feel attracted towards Him. Don't you know that God is the Inner Guide. He sees the longing of our heart and the yearning of our soul.

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One sees nothing but God everywhere when one loves Him with great intensity. It is like a person with jaundice who sees everything yellow. Then one feels 'I am verily He'.

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There is nothing wrong in your being in the world. But you must direct your mind towards God; otherwise you will not succeed. Do your duty with one hand and with the other hold God. After the duty is over, you will hold to God with both hands.

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There are certain characteristics of God vision. One sees light, feels joy and experiences the upsurge of a great current in one's chest like the bursting of a rocket

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The Jiva is nothing but the embodiment of Satchidanand But since Maya or ego has created various Upadhis, he has forgotten his real self.

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The path of knowledge is very difficult. One cannot obtain knowledge unless one gets rid of the feeling that one is the body. In the Kaliyuga, the life of man is centred on

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food He cannot get rid of the feeling that he is the body and the ego Therefore the path of devotion is prescribed for this cycle This is an easy path. You will attain God if you sing His name and glories and pray to Him with a longing heart. There is not the least doubt about it.

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God is realised as soon as the mind becomes free from attachment. Whatever appears in the pure mind is the voice of God.

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Give your power of attorney to God. One does not come to grief through letting a good man assume one's responsibilities. Let His will be done.

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After having the vision of God, man is overpowered with bliss. He becomes silent. Who will speak ? Who will explain ?

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Whichever attitude you adopt, you will certainly realise God if you have firm faith You may believe in God with form or God without form but your faith must be sincere and whole hearted.

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People enjoy the beauty of the world but they do not seek its owner.

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At the beginning of spiritual life, the devotee should observe such rites as pilgrimage, putting on string of beads around his neck and so forth But outward ceremonies gradually drop off as he attains the goal, the vision of God. Then his only activity is repetition of God's name, and contemplation and meditation on Him.

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You may think that everything (illness) is going to be over. But God will not release you as long as the slightest trace of your illness is left. You simply cannot leave the hospital if your name is registered there. As long as the illness is not perfectly cured, the doctor won't give you a permit to go. Why did you register your name in the hospital at all ?

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God dwells in all beings. He is Gold in all. In some places He is more manifest than in others. God dwells in worldly minded no doubt but He is hidden there like Gold under deep layers of clay.

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God will certainly listen to your prayers if you feel restless for Him. Since He has begotten us, surely we can claim our inheritance from Him He is our own Father, our own Mother. We can force our demand on Him.

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When the lamp is lighted, the moths come in swarms. They don't have to be invited. In the same way, the preacher

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who has a commission from God need not invite people to hear him. He does not have to announce the time of his lecture. He possesses such irresistible attraction that people come to him of their own accord. Does the magnet say to the iron, 'come near me'? That is not necessary. Because of attraction of the magnet, the iron rushes to it.

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PREM is the rope by which you can tether God, as it were. Whenever you want to see Him, you have merely to pull the rope Whenever you call Him, He will appear before you.

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Unless God Himself teaches men through His Human Incarnation, who else will teach them spiritual mysteries? God takes a human body to teach men divine knowledge and divine love. Otherwise who will teach?

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Swami Vivekananda

Strength is life, weakness is death; strength is felicity, life eternal immortal; weakness is constant strain and misery. Let positive, strong, helpful thoughts enter into your brains from very childhood

Stand up, be bold, be strong. Take the whole responsibility on your own shoulders and know that you are the creater of your own destiny. All the strength and succour you want is within yourselves. Therefore, make your own future.

What our country now wants are muscles of iron and nerves of stell - gigantic wills which nothing can resist, which can penetrate into the mystries and secrets of the Universe and will accomplish their purpose in any fashion even if it meant going to the bottom of the ocean and meeting death face to face.

We have wept long enough, no more weeping, but stand on your feet and be men. It is a man-making religion that we want. It is man-making theories we want. It is man-making education all round that we want. And here is the test of truth-anything that makes you weak physically, intellectually and spiritually, reject as poison; there is no life in it; it cannot be true. Truth is strong thing, Truth is purity, Truth is all knowledge. Truth must be strengthening,

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must be enlightening and must be invigorating.

Get up, and set your shoulder to the wheel–how long is this life for ? As you have come into this world, leave some mark behind Otherwise where is the difference between you and the trees and stones ? They too come into existence, decay and die.

What I want is muscles of iron and nerves of steel inside which dwells a mind of the same material as that of which the thunderbolt is made.

Manifest the divinity within you and everything will be harmoniously arranged around it.

The only God to worship is the human soul in the human body. Of course, all animals are temples too, but man is the highest, the Taj Mahal of temples. If I cannot worship in that, no other temple will be of any advantage.

Him I call a Mahatman whose heart bleeds for the poor; otherwise he is Duratman

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Doing good to others out of compassion is good but the Sewa (service) of all beings in the spirit of the Lord is better.

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He who wants to serve Shiva must serve his children must serve all creatures in the world first It is said in the Shastras that those who serve the servants of God are His greatest servants He who has more of this unselfishness, is more spiritual and nearer to Shiva And if a man is selfish, even though he has visited all the temples, seen all the places of pilgrimage and painted himself like a leopard, he is still further off from Shiva

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Do not try to disturb the faith of any man. If you can give him something better; if you can get hold of a man where he stands and give him a push upwards; do so, but do not destroy what he has.

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What good is it, if we acknowledge in our prayers that God is the father of us all, and in our daily lives do not treat every man as our brother.

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Combine seriousness with child like naivete. Live in harmony with all. Give up all idea of egoism and entertain no sectarian views Useless wrangling is a great sin.

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If any body comes to you to speak ill of any of his brothers, refuse to listen to him in toto. It is a great sin to listen even. In that lies the germs of future troubles. Moreover, bear with everyone's shortcomings. Forgive offences.

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Be 'unattached'; let things work, let brain centres work; work incessantly, but let not a ripple conquer the mind. Work as if you were a stranger in this land, a sojourner; work incessantly; but do not bind yourself; bondage is terrible.

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Unchaste imagination is as bad as unchaste action. Controlled desire leads to the highest result.

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Go to Hell yourself to bring salvation for others. There is no Mukti on earth to call my own.

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The downfall of a religious sect begins from the day the worship of the rich enters into it.

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We have to bear in mind that we are all debters to the world and the world does not owe us anything It is a great privilege for all of us to be allowed to do anything for the world. In helping the world we really help ourselves.

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In the world take always the position of the giver. Give everything and look for no return. Give love, give help, give service, give anything you can but keep out barter. Make no conditions and none will be imposed. Let us give out of our own bounty, just as God gives to us.

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Strike out the iron while it is hot. Idleness won't do. Throw over board all idea of jealouly and egotism, once for all. Come on to the practical field with tremendous energy, to work in the fulness of strength. As to the rest, the Lord will point out the way.

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Truth, purity and unselfishness-wherever these are present, there is no power below or above this sun to crush the possession thereof. Equipped with these one individual is able to face the whole universe in opposition.

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Oh, India; forget not-that the ideal of thy womanhood is Sita, Savitri, Damyanti; forget not that the God thou worshippest is the great Ascetic of ascetics, the all renouncing Shankra, the Lord of Uma; forget not that thy marriage; thy wealth, thy life, are not for sense pleasure, are not for thy individual personal happiness; forget not that thou art born as a sacrifice to the Mother's altar, forget not that thy social order is but the reflex of the Infinite Universal Motherhood; forget not that the lower classes, the ignorant, the poor, the illiterate, the cobbler, the sweeper, are thy flesh and blood, thy brothers. Thou brave one, be bold, take courage, be proud thou art an Indian-and proudly proclaim-"I am an Indian-every Indian is my brother." Say-"The ignorant Indian, the poor and destitute Indian, the Brahmin Indian, the Pana Indian, is my brother". Thou too clad with but a rag round thy loins, proudly proclaim

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at the top of thy voice-"The Indian is my brother-the Indian is my life. India's god and godesses are my God, India's society is the craddle of my infancy, the pleasure garden of my youth, the sacred heaven". Say brother-"The soil of India is my highest heaven, the good of India is my good"; and repeat and pray, day and night-"O, Thou Lord of Gauri, O thou mother of the Universe, vouchsafe manliness unto me, O, thou Mother of strength, take away my weakness, take away humanliness, and make me a Man !"

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Here is the world, and it is full of misery. Go out into it as Budha did, and struggle to lesson it or die in the attempt. Forget yourself. This is the first lesson to be learnt, whether you are a theist or an atheist, whether you are an agnostic or a Vedantist, a Christian or a Muslim. The one lesson obvious to all is the destruction of the little-self and the building up of the Real Self.

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Mahrishi Raman

When women carrying jars of water on their heads stop to talk, they are very careful, keeping their mind on the water jars. Similarly when a sage engages in activity, his mind remains fixed in the self and his activity does not distract him.

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Through deep reflection on the nature of one's self and through constant meditation, the light can be found.

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There is one who governs the world and it is His look out to look after the world. He who has given life to the world knows how to look after it also. He bears the burden of this world.

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As you are, so is the world. Without understanding yourself, what is the use of understanding the world. First find out the truth behind yourself and then you will be in a better position to understand the truth behind the world of which yourself is a part.

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The life of action need not be renounced. If you will meditate for an hour or two every day, you can then carry on with your duties. If you meditate in the right manner, then the current of mind induced will continue to flow even in the midst of your work. It is as though there were two ways

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of expressing the same idea; the same line which you take in meditation will be expressed in your activities.

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Setting apart time for meditation is only for the merest spiritual novices. A man who is advancing will begin to enjoy the deeper beautitude whether he is at work or not While his hands are in society, he keeps his head cool in solitude.

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You have to ask yourself the question, 'who am I' ? This investigation will lead in the end to the discovery of something within you which is behind the mind. Solve that great problem and you will solve all other problems thereby.

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Man's real nature is happiness. Happiness is inborn in the true self. His search for happiness is an unconscious search for his true self. The true self is imperishable; therefore, when a man finds it, he finds a happiness which does not come to an end.

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The sense 'I' pertains to the person, the body and the brain. When a man knows his true self for the first time, something else arises from the depths of his being and takes possession of him. That something is behind the mind; it is infinite, divine, eternal. Some people call it the kingdom of heaven, others call it the soul; still others name it

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Nirvana; you may give it what name you wish. When it happens, a man has not really lost himself; rather he has found himself.

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Unless and until a man embarks upon the quest of the true self, doubt and uncertainty will follow his footsteps throughout life. The greatest kings and statesmen try to rule others, when in their heart of hearts, they know that they cannot rule themselves. Yet the greatest power is at the command of the man who has penetrated to his inmost depth. There are men of giant intellects who spend their lives gathering knowledge about many things. Ask these men if they have solved the mystry of the man; if they have conquered themselves; and they will hang their heads in shame. What is the use of knowing about everything else when you do not yet know who you are? Men avoid this inquiry into the true self; but what else is there so worthy to be undertaken.

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The current induced during meditation can be kept up by habit, by practising to do so. Then one can perform his work and activities in that very current itself; there will be no break. Thus, too, there will be no difference between meditation and external activities. If you meditate on this question, 'who am I'? If you begin to perceive that neither the body nor the brain, nor the desires, are really you, then the very attitude of enquiry will eventually draw the answer

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to you out of the depths of your being; it will come to you of its own accord as a deep realisation.

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Know the real self and then the truth will shine forth within your heart like sunshine, The mind will become untroubled and real happiness will flood it, for happiness and true self are identical. You will have no more doubts once you attain this self awareness.

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Jesus Christ

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the Counsel of the Ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also shall not wither, and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The ungodly are not so : but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgement nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Blessed are the poor in spirit; for them is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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Blessed are the pure in heart : for they shall see God.

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Let your light so shine before man, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in heaven.

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And thou shalt love the Lord, thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind and with all thy strength.

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Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

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It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into kingdom of God.

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Not every one that sayeth unto me "Lord, Lord" shall enter into kingdom of Heaven but that doeth the Will of my Father which is in Heaven.

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When thou prayest, enter into thy closer and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

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When thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth, That thine alms may be in secret and thy Father which seeth in secret himself, shall reward thee openly.

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Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Provide neither Gold nor Silver nor brass in your purses.

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Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof on the day of judgement.

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Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man, but that which cometh out of his mouth, this defileth a man.

For what is a man profiled, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul.

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.

And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye ?

Ask, and it shall be given to you; seek and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

A man out of good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil, for of the abundance of heart the mouth speaketh.

It is written that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word of God.

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Prophet Mohammad

If you are able to keep your heart from morning till night and from night till morning, free from malice towards anyone-this is one of my laws and he who loveth my laws verily loveth me.

To love him who loveth God, and hate him who hateth God and to keep your tongue employed in repeating the name of God,- To do unto all men as you wish them to have done to you.

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Charity is duty unto every Muslim. He who hath not the means thereto, let him do a good act or abstain from an evil one. That is his charity.

When you speak, speak the truth; perform when you promise; discharge your trust; commit not fornication; be chaste; have no impure desires; withhold your hands from striking and from taking that which is unlawful and bad. The best of God's servants are those who when seen, remind one of God; and the worst of God's servants are those who carry tales about to do mischief and separate friends, and seek for the defects of the good.

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Feed the hungry and visit the sick, and free the

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captive if he be unjustly confined. Assist any person who is oppressed whether Muslim or non-muslim

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A true Mu'min is thankful to God in prosperity and is resigned to His will in adversity.

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That person is most respectable near God, who pardoneth when he hath him in power, him who would have injured him.

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That person is not a perfect Muslim who eateth his fill, and leaveth his neighbours.

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Whosoever seeks refuge in the name of God, give him refuge; and whoso asks in the name of God give him; and whoso calls on you, respond to him; and whoso does good to you, return the same to him; and if ye do not find anything to return to him pray (to God) for him; until ye see that ye have made (him) an ample return.

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Adore God as thou wouldst if thou sawest Him; for if thou seest Him not, He seeth thee.

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Whoso treats with contempt the authority of God on earth treats God with contempt.

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Verily, God is mild, and is fond of mildness, and He giveth to the mild what He doth not give to the harsh

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Verily God is pure and loves the pure, is clean and loves the clean, is beneficient and loves the beneficient, is generous and loves the generous.

If a man draws near to Me a span, I draw near to him a yard: and if he draws near to me a yard, I draw near to him a fathom; and if he comes to mew alking, I come to him running; and whoso comes to me with a world of sins, but associates nothing with me, I come to him with equal front of forgiveness.

The faithful are those who perform their trust and fail not in their word, and keep their pledge.

If ye rely on God as He ought to be relied upon, He will provide you as He provides the birds: they go out empty and hungry in the morning and come back big-bellied at eventide.

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He is not of us who is not affectionate to his little ones and doth not respect the reputation of the old; and he is not of us who doth not order that which is good, and prohibit that which is bad.

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All God's creatures are His family; and he is the most beloved of God who tries to do most good to God's creatures.

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The best of alms is that which the right hand giveth, and the left hand knoweth not of.

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The most excellent Jihad (Holy War) is that for the conquest of self.

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All actions are judged by the motives prompting them.

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Be in the world like a traveller or like a passer-by and reckon yourself as of the dead.

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Whatever mishap may befall you, it is on account of something which your hands have done.

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Whoever suppresseth his anger when he hath in his power to show it, God will give him a great reward.

He is not of me, but a rebel at heart who when he speaketh, speaketh falsely; who when he promiseth, breaketh his promise; and who when trust is reposed in him, faileth in his trust.

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Pray to God morning and evening, and employ the day in your avocations.

There is no polish for everything that taketh away rust; and the polish for the heart is the remembrance of God.

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Guru Nanak Dev

God is one but He has innumerable forms; He is the creater of all and He Himself takes the human form.

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There is only One Being Who is the Creater and the Uncaused Cause of all. He has created the whole universe through His everactive will which is diffused throughout.

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The Absolute is wordless, imageless and nameless. When it came into being, It was called word or Namm which is the cause of all creation.

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Whosoever searches for joy eternal, let him seek that in All Pervading Spirit (Naam).

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There is a way, O Nanak, to make His will our own. His will which is already wrought in our existence.

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His recepient may tire, but His bountry is untiring, ages upon ages, man has fed upon it. His will directs the world and yet, O Nanak, He dwells beyond concern or care.

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Men pray to Him for gift which he grants untiringly. When all is His, what can we offer at His feet, what can we say to win His love.

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At the ambrosial hour of early dawn be you in communion with the Divine Word and meditate on his glory.

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He is Shiva, He is Vishnu, He is Brahma and their consorts, Parvati, Lakshmi and Saraswati also.

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If I may please Him, it is pilgrimage enough; if not nothing-no rite or toil avails.

O my ignorant mind, even call thou on Him. By whose Grace all thy works are accomplished, keep His presence even before thy mind, by whose Grace thou findeth the truth; attune thyself to him.

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All attempts to describe God are invain; O Nanak, admit His greatness; He alone knows Himself.

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His devotees praise Him, yet never attain full knowledge of the Infinite; like streams stumbling into the ocean, they know not the depths therein.

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All repeat the name of God, but none can fathom the mystry of it If through the favour of a God-man it gets ingrained in the mind, only then one reaps the fruit thereof.

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Whosoever wishes to see a king must first seek the company of one who is a favourite of the king. Whosoever is aching to see the Lord, let him seek one who has become one with Him.

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Listen ye to the true testimony of Sants for surely they say what they actually see with their own eyes.

Make the hearing of the sacred books thy merchandise, truth the horses thou takest to sell. Tie up virtues as thy travelling expenses, and think not in thy heart for tomorrow. When thou arrivest in the land of God, thou shalt obtain happiness in His abode. Make good words thy soil and the word of God thy seed, ever irrigate it with the water of truth, faith shall germinate and thus even a fool shall know the distinction between heaven and hell.

God is not pleased by obstinate penance nor by many religious garbs.

Those who make truth their fasting, contentment their place of pilgrimage, divine knowledge and meditation their ablutions, mercy their idols, and forgiveness their rosary, are foremost in God's favour.

The Lord does what He likes to do. None can command and order the Lord. He is the King of Kings and Emperor of Emperors. To live in his Command and Will is the way to live. Says Nanak "Live up to His Will".

Like the black bee, I crave day and night for thy honey of Thy Lotus Feet Grant Nanak, the nectar of The

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Mercy, Lord, that he mergeth in Thy Name.

On the stone of mind, role the sandal wood paste of the Name mixed with the colour of good deeds; and worship Him within Thy self.

They are not called pure who only wash their bodies. Rather are they pure, Nanak, who enshrine the Lord in their hearts.

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Paramhansa Yoganand

During every little period of leisure, plunge your mind into the infinite thought of Him. Talk to Him intimately; He is the nearest of the near, the dearest of the dear. Love Him as a miser loves money, as an ardent man loves his sweet heart. as a drowning person loves breath. When you yearn for God with intensity He will come to you.

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Body, mind and soul are interrelated. You have a duty to the body - keeping it fit; a duty to the mind - developing its powers; and a duty to the soul - daily meditation on the source of your being. If you fulfill your duty to the soul, body and mind will benefit, too; but if you neglect the soul, eventually body and mind also will suffer.

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Try to realise you are a divine traveller. You are here only for a shortwhile, then depart for a dissimilar and fascinating world. Do not limit your thought to one brief life and one small earth. Remember the vastness of the spirit that dwells within you.

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Seek God for His own sake. The highest perception is to feel Him as Bliss, wetting up from your infinite depths. Don't yearn for visions, spiritual phenomenon or thrilling experiences. The path to the Divine is not a Circus.

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The rains of God's mercy cannot gather on mountain tops of pride, but flow easily into valleys humbleness.

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To the devotee on the right path, spiritual unfoldment is as natural and as unnoticed by him as his breathing Once a man's heart is given to God, he becomes so deeply absorbed in Him that he scarcely realises he has solved all of life's problems.

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Faithfulness in the performance of small duties gives us strength to adhere to difficult determinations that life will some day force us to make.

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You should not concentrate on the thought that you lack devotion, but should work to develop it. Why be upset because God has 'nt shown Himself to you ? Think of the long time you ignored Him.

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The fate of the body is unimportant to a man of God-realisations. The physical form is like a plate that a devotee uses while he eats the wisdom dinner of life. After his hunger has been eternally satisfied, of what worth is the plate. It may get broken, but the devotee hardly notices. His mind is absorbed in the Lord.

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If a man sitting with closed eyes in a church, allows his thougnts to dwell on wordly matters, the idols of

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materialism - God is aware that he is not being worshipped If a man, bowing before a stone image, sees it as a symbol and reminder of the living omnipresent spirit, God accepts that worship.

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Forget the past. Human conduct is ever unreliable until man is anchored in the Divine Everything in the future will improve if you are making a spiritual effort now.

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God remembers us, though we remember Him not. If he forgot creation for a second, everything would disappear tracelessly. Who but Him holds in the sky this mud ball of earth ? Who but Him impels the growth of trees and flowers ? It is the Lord alone who maintain the beat of our hearts. digests our food and daily renews our body cells. Yet how few of His children give Him a thought.

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In creation it appears that God sleeps in the minerals, dreams in the flowers, awakens in the animals and in man knows that he is awake.

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Life is like a great chain in the ocean of God. When a portion of the chain is pulled out of the water, you see only that small part. The beginning and the end are hidden. In this incarnation you are viewing only one link in the chain of life. The past and the future though invisible, remain in the deeps of God. He reveals their secrets to devotees who are in tune with Him.

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We are waves on the bosom of the ocean. The sea can exist without the waves; but the waves cannot exist without the sea Similarly spirit can exist without man but man cannot exist without spirit

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God seems distant only because your attention is directed outwardly towards His creation and not inwardly towards Him Whenever your mind wanders in the maze of myriad wordly thoughts, patiently lead it back to remembrance of the indwelling Lord In time you will find Him ever with you - a God who talks with you in your own language, a God whose face peeps at you from every flower and shurb and blade of grass.

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So long as we are immersed in body consciousness, we are like strangers in a foreign country. Our native land is omnipresence.

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Do not expect spiritual blossom every day in a garden of your life. Have faith that the Lord to whom you have surrendered yourself will bring you divine fulfillment at the proper time. You have already sown the seed of God aspiration, water it with prayer and right actions. Remove the weeds of doubt, indecision and lethargy. When sprouts of divine perceptions appear, tend them with devotional care; one morning you will behold the flower of self-realisation.

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The Lord cannot be bribed by the size of the congregation or hymen's wealth or by well planned talks. God visits only the altars of hearts that are cleansed by tears of devotion and lighted with candles of love.

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It is good idea to keep a mental diary. Before you go to bed each night, sit for a short time and review the day See what you are beeoming. Do you like the trend af your life ? If not, change it.

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God sent you here with a purpose. Are you acting in harmony with that purpose ? You came on earth to accomplish a divine mission Realise how tremendously important that is ! Do not allow the narrow ego to obstruct your attainment of an infinite goal.

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Sant Kabir

The name of God is the oil in which the wick of the self is to be drenched and then ignited by the fire of God

Do not move your lips, do not move your tongue and yet utter the name of God.

(Bin hi mukh ke jap karo, nahin Jeebh hulavo)

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Concentration should be so intense that as soon as you begin to concentrate, the form of God should appear before you

(Man ke lagaya Prabhu pavai-)

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The aspirant should have the same fury of devotion as the *Sati* before he is locked in an eternal union with God.

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In the process of uttering the name of God through our breath, there ought to be also devotion to God. It is not merely a mechanical utterance of the name of God but remembering Him through devotion.

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Only he who has penetrated to the heart of reality can understand the nature of our territory.

(Maihram Hoye So Janai Sadho Aisa Des Hamara)

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The way of God's love is the way of fire. He who throws himself into it will be saved and he who will merely look on and keep aside will be burnt to death. It is the active part in meditation which will enable us to get out of difficulties and perils.

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When a saint takes the wine of God-love, he becomes free from infatuation and doubt. He reaches a state of perfect equanimity. The pauper and the prince are to him alike,

(Bandhan Moh Ka Kat Baitha Nirsanka ! Bake Nazar Na Aavta Kya Raja Kya Ranka)

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When the Hans (swan) has reached Mansarover (his final habitant), why should it be necessary for him to hunt out small ponds and tanks ? Similarly, when we have reached the God inside our heart, what is need of searching for anything else ?

(Hansa Paye Mansarovar, Tal Talaiya Kyon Dhlai)

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What necessity is there for a man to speak when he has reached the highest spiritual stage.

(Man Mast Hua Tab Kyon Bole)

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We should not allow even a single breath to pass unutilised. We should fasten our mind on God while the

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hand is doing its work.

(Kar se kam karo, Hari se dhyan dharo, Makri ke jal men tanta charte utarte dam ki khabar rakho, Bhulo nahin Gunwanta)

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Not knowing the presence of God inside, the whole of mankind wanders about to find Him in the outside world, and when their patience has been tried in finding God in outside world, they return to themselves to find God at their very door, in fact, inside their own mind

(Hari ko dhundan main chala ja pahuncha Hari Dwar, Hari mile na pag thake, Hari the mere dwar)

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God's reward precedes service, while in the case of other matters, it follows. Before any desire arises in the mind of the Saint, it is already fulfilled by God.

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Meditate intently on the Param Tattva the Highest Reality and you will soon see that you are that Reality itself.

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The real Sadhu serves as a mirror in which one can see the reflection of the Nirakar or the formless God.

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Mystic experience is not to be narrated to everybody. Prudence is the chief mark of those who have walked on

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the path of God. A room may be full of diamonds; but the owner must not open it from time to time. It is only when a Great Jeweller (God) comes that value of the Jewels may come to light.

(Ratan bhari kothri bar bar mat khol, Jab milega Jachari tabhi charehga mol)

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All things come to us from God. Why not dedicate them back again to God ? The position we enjoy, the power we wield, and the wealth we accumulate are all due to His sweet will; why then not hand back the power, the position and the wealth to their Dispenser ?

(Mera Mujh Main Kuchch Nahin Jo Kuchch Hai Prabhu Tor, Tera Tujh Ko Sanpte Kya Lage Hai Mor)

Sant Tuka Ram

Peace is a mistress that overrules pride; she secures all grandeur. Men do not know this open secret and thus they bring trouble on themselves. If you allow patience to rule, you will be a hero of heros. Tuka says, the hardest of steel is a close friend of rust.

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Act as you speak or otherwise you disgrace God. What would sweet food be like without salt ? Like a lifeless corpse dressed out with ornaments. The actor's make-up is disgraced without appropriate action; a fine shape is worth-

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less without solid qualities. Tuka says so it is in my case so long as I see not the spirit of love within me.

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Before she has borne a child, if a woman performs joyful ceremonies, she is a silly creature practising nonsense. What is the good of such public display ?

The mere mention of sugar brings no pleasure. A forced attempt to belch will not make a man fat; he will still look thin and miserable. Tuka says, you talkative men, listen to me; if you have no experience of God, do not assume the exterior of knowledge.

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If a child calls his father 'uncle', why shall he be rebuked ? If our faith be pure, however imperfect it be, Vithala fulfills our longings. If you call sugar stone, does it not still taste sweet ? Tuka says, the words may be irregular, but no word will be fruitless.

Sant Gyaneshwar

Just as a miser will never spontaneously, even if he is threatened with death, show his hoard, so even in a deadly peril, a man of humility, would never disclose any good act done by him.

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Though the plantain tree appears light and hollow, yet it gives many and satisfying fruits. The cloud may appear small, as if the wind would carry it away, but it is extraordinary that it gives continuous and big rain. So, while appearing poor and shabby outside, the sight of the man who has acquired wisdom of self and who is full of merit, fills his heart with joy Where these characteristics are seen in their entirety, it is legitimate to infer that wisdom of the self has dawned.

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He who has purity appears to be white and transparent inside and outside like camphor translucent like a gem within and without or like the sun full of light inside and outside. He has purified himself by appropriate actions outside and by the light of wisdom inside

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The man of wisdom believes firmly that only that is true wisdom (Gian) which shows the existence of the Supreme Self All other learning relating to this world is unwisdom. He spurns the enjoyments of heaven and would not hear of any wordly enjoyments; but is at all times devoted with deep faith to spiritual learning. He avoids all bye-paths and moves on the royal road. He accepts true wisdom and rejects the other, devoting his mind and intelligence towards the attainment of Brahm.

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Like a lamp in the hand of the blind, wisdom which

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does not give self realisation, is useless. If the light of wisdom (Gian) will not give the sight of the supreme-self it is useless.

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Just as the storm in the sea does not make the mountain quiver, nor does the fire of the forest burn down the sky, so the wans of passion as they pass and repass, cause no excitement to man of wisdom (Gian). Even if the world were coming to an end, his stability could not be shaken.

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The whole world is full of misery. Who has ever heard a tale of happiness in this mortal world? If you have been so unfortunate as to have been born in this world, your first endeavour should be to get out of it as early as possible by making God the only cynosure of your devotion and effort.

Shri (Adi) Shankracharya

A man with higher powers of dialectics will be able to unsettle the position held by one and the former again could be defeated by one of greater intellect. Hence, the necessity of clinging to Shastra, the Shruti, the accumulated treasure of spiritual truth discovered by Rishees, who had risen to the perception of supersensuous realities.

By the power of good deeds, knowledge and memory

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manifest themselves in virtuous persons. In the case of sinful persons both knowledge and memory remain clouded on account of their sinful deeds

Wisdom and ignorance are incompatible with each other. Wisdom pertains to the real and tasting good and ignorance to the apparently pleasing

The pure man is one who is endowed with internal and external purity.

Internal purity - purity of mind - is giving up of deceit, dishonesty, and such other defects in one's dealings with others; in short, fair and just conduct in one's relations with others.

The able man is one who is able to decide rightly and promptly on the proper course of action in matters demanding immediate attention.

Human birth, which is a means to reach the goal of life, is indeed difficult to get.

The attainment of true knowledge is through the Grace of God alone.

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Mahatma Buddha

Neither abstinence from fish nor flesh, nor going naked, nor shaving the head, nor wearing matted hair, nor dressing in a rough garment, nor covering oneself with dirt, nor sacrificing to Agni, will cleanse a man who is not free from delusions

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The spokes of the wheel are the rules of pure conduct; justice is the uniformity of their length; wisdom is the tyre; modesty and thoughtfulness are the hub in which the immovable axle of truth is fixed.

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He who has awakened, is free from fear; he has become Buddha; he knows the vanity of all his cares, his ambitions and also of his pain.

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Happy is he who has overcome all selfishness; happy is he who has attained peace, and happy is he who has found the truth.

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Self is a fever; self is a transient vision, a dream, but truth is wholesome, truth is sublime, truth is everlasting. There is no immortality except truth, for truth alone abideth for ever.

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Who so hurts and harms living creatures, destitute of ympathy for any living thing, let him be known as an

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Goodwill toward all beings is the true religion: cherish in your hearts boundless goodwill to all that lives.

Your spirit should not be moved, no evil word should escape your lips, you should remain benevolent with your heart full of love and void of secret malice; and you should enfold even these malefactors with loving thoughts, with thoughts generous, deep and limitless, purged of all anger and hate. Even thus, my disciples, ought ye to do.

The charitable man has found the path of salvation. He is like the man who plants a sapling securing thereby the shade, the flowers and the fruit in future years. Even so is the result of charity, even so is the joy of him who helps those that are in need of assistance; even so is the great Nirvana.

The immortal can be reached only by continuous acts of kindliness; and perfection is accomplished by compassion and charity.

The Ocean is the goal of all streams and of the rains from the clouds, yet it is never overflowing and never emptied; so the Dharma is embraced by many millions of people, yet it neither increases nor decreases.

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Not insulting, not harming, restraint in the Fundamental Precepts, moderation in food, secluded abode, devotion to lofty thoughts-this is the advice of the Buddhas.

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He who has attained mastery over himself is indeed a greater conqueror than one who has vanquished a thousand enemies a thousand times more powerful than he, yet remains a slave to his sensory self.

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A heart that follows,the path of ignorance does infinitely greater harm to man than his most hateful and vicious enemy.

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What neither mother, nor father, nor any other relative could do, - a well - directed mind does, and thereby elevates one.

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Non-patience is the impurity of meditation; uncleanliness is the impurity of the body; indolence is the impurity of the senses and restlessness is the impurity of the mind.

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Just as a merchant, with a small escort and great wealth, avoids a perilous way, or just as one desiring to live avoids poison, even so should one shun evil.

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Let a man overcome anger by love, let him overcome evil by good, let him overcome the gready by liberality, the

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lier by truth.

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Better than a thousand useless words, is a single useful sentence, hearing which one is pacified.

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The good renounce everything, the saintly speak not with craving of desire, touched by happiness or pain, the wise exhibit neither elation nor depression.

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Our good and evil deeds follow us continually like shadows.

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Exhibit true superiority by virtuous conduct and the exercise of reason; meditate deeply on the vanity of earthly things, and understand the fickleness of life.

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The fault of others is easily perceived, but that of oneself is difficult to perceive. A man winnows his neighbour's faults like chaff, but his own fault he hides, as a cheat hides the false die from the gambler.

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A word spoken is wrath is the sharpest sword; covetousness is the deadliest poison; passion is the fiercest fire; ignorance is the darkest night.

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There is no fire like lust, and no crime like hatred.

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There is no ill like the body and no bliss higher than Peace (Nirvana).

Sat Sai Baba

Be true, be just, be quiet, be love. His plan is for all humanity for He says "It is not mentioned anywhere that the Grace of the Lord is available only for certain classes or races or grades of people". From the smallest to the biggest, throughout the world, all are entitled to it. The Lord is everywhere, everything. He can be realised by steady practice of truth and love. Truth is the highest justice and love is the only path to peace.

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Test every one on the touchstone of sincerity; see how far each has renounced not merely in words, but in actual deed; then accept their advice, and bring it into your daily behaviour and conduct. It is the practice that matters and not the puffed pomp of scholarship.

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Faith will come only if you develop hunger for God; a man who does not feel hunger will not relish a feast.

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For concentration and meditation, there are certain steps and stages which have to be followed; random pursuit of spiritual ideas is no good.

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In the meditation, the lips and the tongue should not move, meditation has to be mental. If you adhere to the path of truth, failure will not appear as failure; misery will not appear miserable.

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If your faults are pointed out to you by any one, do not argue and attempt to prove he is mistaken; and do not develop a grudge against him for that. Reason out within yourself, examine your own conduct coolly and thankfully proceed to correct yourself. Develop courage, confidence. hope and enthusiasm. These will stand you in good stead in the secular as well as spiritual fields.

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The time to start on the path of discipline is now. Start today the discipline that will have to be done tomorrow. Start now the discipline that has to be done today. Just as a child has to start the alphabet at a tender age, so that it may be profitable in arts and science when it later enters, school, so, too the spiritual child must start on the alphabet immediately and keep on with studies: no one can cope with alphabet in old age or on death bed. Every second, the span of life is being shortened; the moment that has gone is no longer your; the moment that is coming may not be yours at all; so put all your efforts now; this very moment to earn eternal joy.

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Wisdom is the product of devotion, and devotion is provided by the noblest dedicated activity, being recollection and reflection of the Name of God. The Lord can give the knowledge about Himself to a devotee. He can remove the veil He Himself has cast.

Sri–Lal–Pandrimalai Swamingal

God's grace descends upon His devotee who yearns for Him intensely with single-minded devotion and absolute sense of surrender or Sharanagati. If one contemplates on Godhead with steady and pure devotion, all the riches, both temporal and spiritual, flow unto him or her. God does not make any distinction between the high and the low, the rich and the poor; the female and male of any caste, creed or race of any clime, in this Universe.

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The supreme self (Atman) dwells in our own inner being. The Atman has to be seen by one's own purified intellect turned inwards. The Lord is easily seen in a pure intellect as space is seen reflected in a clean mirror. The mind is dim reflection of the radiant heart where the Lord resides. The body is the temple of God; is the truth which has to be realised in this birth.

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Sayings of other Saints Etc.

Sing of God and serve sages. Repeat Om-Jai-Om with each breath. Feel the dance of God Natraja in the heart and in Brahmrandra. Keep away from crowds Keep silent. Talk to-the-point and listen more than you speak. Be pure in food and life. Live in tune with heart's beloved. Be away from personality cults and be strongly God-centric. Trust in God and do His will.

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Contentment is a pear of great price and whoever procures it at the expense of ten thousand desires makes a wise and happy purchase.

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One must have complete faith that whatever happens in this world happens according to His Law and His Benevolence and not mallvolence. Whatever comes from Him must be accepted as His Grace which gives contentment, peace and complete freedom from worry.

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Man is only an instrument in the scheme of God for the Universe and as such he should surrender himself to Him and not be perturbed or worried by any event.

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One must continuously search for one's faults within and to that end value the criticism of others. One should think of improving oneself rather than improving others.

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That which we call sin in others is experiment for us.

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My interest is in the future because I am going to spend the rest of my life there.

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Peace comes not from the absence of conflict in life but from the ability to cope with it.

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Friendships multiply joys and divide griefs.

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There's a difference between opinion and conviction. My opinion is something that is true for me personally, my conviction is something that is true for everybody, in my opinion.

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Keep a secret, it's your slave. Tell it, and it's your master

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How you spend your time is more important than how you spend your money. Money mistakes can be corrected, but time is gone for ever.

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For happiness one needs security, but joy can spring like a flower even from the cliffs of despair.

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You have to be careful about being too careful.

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Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall.

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Learning without thought is naught; thought without learning is dangerous

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Prayer does not change God, but changes him who prays.

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Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can read.

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Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant with the weak and the wrong. Some time in life you will have been all of these.

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What matters is not to add years to your life but to add life to your years.

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The short history of some men is that they live so tense that they soon become past tense.

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If most of us are ashamed of shabby clothes and shoddy furniture, let us be more ashamed of shabby ideas and shoddy philosophies.

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Not ignorance, but the ignorance of ignorance is the death of knowledge.

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A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject.

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A man in a passion rides a wild horse.

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If you really want the last word in an argument, try saying, "I guess you are right".

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A man is but a product of his thoughts; what he thinks, that he becomes.

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To have more, desire less.

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A cynic is a man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.

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The time to relax is when you don't have time for it.

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A well-adjusted person is one who makes the same mistake twice without getting nervous.

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Two great talkers will not travel far together.

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Blessed are they who have nothing to say and who cannot be persuaded to say it.

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To err is human; to blame it on the other party is politics.

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There are two ways of spreading light; to be candle, or the mirror that reflects it.

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In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than words without a heart.

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The work of an unknown good man is like a vein of water flowing hidden underground, secretly making the ground greener.

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Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.

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He approaches nearest to the Gods who knows how to be silent, even though he is in the right.

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The Truth shall make ye free, but first it shall make ye miserable.

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To be spiritual is not to reject reason but to go beyond it

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Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.

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Just as an aquatic bird, like the pelican, dives into water without the water wetting its plumage, so the perfect man lives in the world, but the world does not touch him.

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Pride, egoism or vanity makes man slip from high ridge to a precipice.

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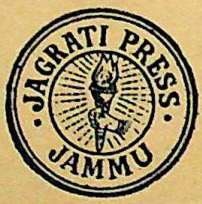

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